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Aloha e Commissioners,

Mahalo nui for your time and your consideration of Kupa'āina o Kuli'ou'ou's application for Clean Water and Natural Lands (CWNL) funding of \$1,700,000.00 to purchase and conserve in perpetuity the last remaining 3.497 acres of Kalapa o Maua (aka Paikō Ridge) located in the back of Kuli'ou'ou Valley. As shared with you during our presentation on Friday, we have embarked on this effort as we sincerely believe that placing this 'āina into conservation forever and ensuring the protection and preservation of its natural and cultural resources, is in the best interest of the āina, the surrounding water resources, and the community. This project has been made possible through collaboration with Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui, the anticipated owners and stewards of the vast portion of Kalapa o Maua, to whom we are very grateful.

We are sending this follow up letter to address and reconfirm several matters that were raised during Friday's meeting:

1. Cultural and Natural Resources

As shared in our presentation, documentation of historical, natural, and cultural resources throughout Kuli'ou'ou is significant. We will continue to learn more about the resources on the subject 3.497 acres, particularly the significant cultural resource of 'Elelupe Pool. After we have acquired ownership and are able to legally access the property, we will contact the Hawai'i State Historic and Preservation Division (SHPD) and any additional oversight agency, if necessary, regarding the resources located on this parcel to ensure the identification and preservation of natural (flora and fuana) and cultural resources in the area and share final findings with the community through the Neighborhood Board system.

2. Perpetual Stewardship

While Kupa'āina o Kuli'ou'ou (Kupa'āina) is a new organization, our founding members are born and raised here, descendants from the Reeves 'Ohana who have been here since 1912, and who are now raising our children here in Kuli'ou'ou along with many others from our extended 'ohana. In addition, there are many other 'ohana in the valley who have been here for generations as well as many long-standing residents who are also committed to the mission of Kupa'āina. Further, Kupa'āina is currently fundraising to cover the initial costs for this project as well as to set up an endowment fund for ongoing costs which will include land taxes, liability insurance, E&O Insurance, and nominal funds for maintenance. Additional fundraising will take place over the years to come to build the endowment and cover costs as they arise.

3. Pending Subdivision

As set forth in Kupa'āina's application, Kupa'āina's purchase of the 3.497 acres from LHKH is subject to this parcel being subdivided from the 205.345-acre parcel of TMK 3-8-013:001, which is currently owned by LevRed Investors LLCs. Upon this subdivision being completed, LHKH will purchase both parcels from LevRed, and will then sell the 3.497-acre parcel to Kupa'āina. According to the Department of Planning and Permitting on-line records, it notes that the current status of the subdivision as tentatively approved, see attached. We are maintaining regular communication with LHKH regarding the final approval and the expected time frame.

4. Liability Insurance

We have requested a quote for liability insurance and E&O insurance and will provide that to the Commission as soon as it is received. Kupa'āina's insurance will cover the 3.497 acres at the bottom of the Kuli'ou'ou mountainside, while LHKH will have insurance covering the remainder of the ridge top parcels above Kupa'āina's parcel.

Mahalo hou for your consideration. We will send a follow up communication with the additional information upon receipt.

Me Ke Aloha,
Kupa'āina o Kuli'ou'ou

Cc: Livable Hawaii Kai Hui
City Councilmember Tommy Waters
State Representative Mark Hashem
State Senator Stanley Chang
DPP Director Dean Uchida